

Alaska Statewide Invasive Species Conferences

CNIPM: Tues., Oct. 21

8:00-8:30 – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 – Welcome and Kickoff, *Rep. Craig Johnson and or staffer Jeanne Ostnes*

OVERVIEW SESSION

8:45-9:00 – The New State Weed Coordinator and Alaska's Next Steps in Invasive Plant Management, *Director Franci Havemeister, Alaska Division of Agriculture*

9:00-10:00 – CO2 Climate Change and Invasive Plants, *Lewis Ziska, USDA Agricultural Research Service*

10:00-10:30 – Break & Network

10:30-11:10 – Status and Changes to Alaska Exotic Plant Information Clearinghouse, *Helen Cortés Burns, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, UAA Environment and Natural Resources Institute*

11:10-11:30 – CNIPM Board 2008 Accomplishments, *Gino Graziano, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts*

11:30-12:00 – Regional Presentations

12:00-1:00 – Lunch on Site with New Species Reports

1:00-1:30 – Impacts to Wildlife (*Speaker to be announced.*)

1:30-2:00 – Analysis of Priorities for Invasive Plant Eradication Using the Ranking and Alaska Exotic Plant Information Clearinghouse Data, *Tom Huetten, US Forest Service*

2:00-2:20 – Administrative Record Keeping to Grease the Wheels of the Freedom of Information Act, *Laurie Thorpe, Bureau of Land Management*

2:20-3:00 – Pathways for Invasion, *Jeff Conn, USDA Agricultural Research Service*

3:00-3:30 – Break & Network

PREVENTION SESSION

3:30-4:00 – Preventing Invasive Plants from Taking Hold in Denali National Park and Preserve, *Dutch Scholten, National Park Service*

4:00-4:40 – Weed Free Forage Certification, *Adrienne Peterson, Sublette County Weed and Pest, North American Weed Management Association*

4:40-5:00 – Board Volunteer Introductions, *Gino Graziano, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts*

5:00-5:30 – Set Up for Poster Session

5:30-7:00 – Poster Session with Snacks (*Afterwards, dinner is on your own.*)

6:30-8:00 – Free to the Public: An Evening with Lewis Ziska, Effects of CO2 on Weeds, *Z.J. Loussac Public Library Auditorium, 3600 Denali St.*

CNIPM: Wed., Oct. 22

8:00-8:30 – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:40 – Welcome and Day 2 Opening Remarks, *Director Franci Havemeister, Alaska Division of Agriculture*

CONTROL SESSION

8:40-9:40 – Orange Hawkweed Control, *Linda Wilson, British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Safety and Quality Branch, and manager of Invasive Plant Management Program*

9:40-10:00 – Controlling Orange Hawkweed in Alaska’s National Wildlife Refuges, *Bill Pyle, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

10:00-10:30 – Break & Network

10:30-10:50 – White Sweetclover Control on the Dalton Highway with Volunteers, *Ruth Gronquist, Bureau of Land Management*

10:50-11:10 – Hawkweed Control in Alaska, *Steve Seefeldt, USDA Agricultural Research Service*

11:10-11:40 – Weed Management in an Uncertain Climate, *Lewis Ziska, USDA Agricultural Research Service*

11:40-12:00 – Canada Thistle Panel Discussion, *Lewis Ziska, USDA Agricultural Research Service; Bill Pyle, US Fish and Wildlife Service; and Sarah Easton, Homer Soil and Water Conservation District*

12:00-1:00 – Lunch on Site with “Weed Warriors” Slide Show (*Deadline for submitting votes for CNIPM board election.*)

GRAVEL SESSION

1:00-1:20 – DNR Gravel Sales: Who Uses It and Where It Goes, *Frank Maxwell, Alaska Department of Natural Resources*

1:20-2:00 – Gravel Certification Program, *Adrienne Peterson, Sublette County Weed and Pest, North American Weed Management Association*

2:00-2:20 – Gravel Management on Federal Lands, *Tim Hudson, National Park Service*

2:20-2:30 – CNIPM Board Election Announcements, *Gino Graziano, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts*

2:30-3:00 – Break & Network (*Opportunity to speak to newly elected CNIPM board members!*)

3:00-3:40 – Gravel Session Panel Discussion, *Frank Maxwell, Alaska Department of Natural Resources; Adrienne Peterson, Sublette County Weed and Pest, North American Weed Management Association; Tim Hudson, National Park Service; and other speakers*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION & VOLUNTEERS

3:40-4:00 – Alaska’s Early Detection Rapid Response Pamphlet and Reporting System: Overview and Results from First Year, *Gino Graziano, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts*

4:00-4:20 – Anchorage Parks Citizen Weed Warriors Campaign, *Monique Anderson, Municipality of Anchorage*

4:20-4:50 – K-6 Invasive Plant Curriculum for Alaska’s Youth, *Katie Villano, University of Alaska Fairbanks*

4:50-5:00 – Closing Remarks and Thank You, *Gino Graziano, Alaska Association of Conservation Districts*

AISWG: Thurs., Oct. 23

8:00-8:30 – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:45 – Welcome and Opening Remarks, *Rep. Craig Johnson or Staff Jeanne Ostnes*

8:45-9:05 – Results of Exotic Slug & Snail Surveys in Alaska and Cooperative Agricultural Pest Surveys, *Ann Ferguson, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection service, Plant Protection and Quarantine, and Charles Knight, ADNR Division of Agriculture*

9:05-9:20 – Atlantic Salmon in Alaska: Update and Concerns, *Tammy Davis, Alaska Department of Fish and Game*

9:20-9:40 – Hitchhikers on the Hulls of Ships: Potential Introduction of Nonindigenous Species?

Russell P. Herwig, University of Washington

**9:40-10:00 – Introduction to Alaska Invasive Species Council Legislations, Rep. Craig Johnson or Staff
Jeanne Ostnes**

10:00-10:30 – Break & Poster Session

**10:30-11:10 – National Ballast Water Issues and Federal Legislation, Allen Pleus, Washington
Department of Fish and Wildlife, Aquatic Nuisance Species coordinator**

11:10-11:30 – Alaska Ballast Water and Coast Guard Regulations, Lt. Robert Fields, US Coast Guard

11:30-12:00 – Plant Pathogens of Concern, Paul Hennon, USDA Forest Service

12:00-1:00 – Lunch on Site

**1:00-1:20 – Status of Alaska Green Crab and Tunicate Monitoring for 2008, Linda Shaw, NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service**

**1:20-2:00 – *Spartina* Response for Alaska and Web-based Invasive Aquatic Plant Key, Vanessa
Howard, Portland State University**

2:00-2:30 – Break & Poster Session

**2:30-3:00 – 2008: The Year of the Rat vs. The War on the Rat, Joe Meehan, Alaska Department of Fish
and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation**

**3:00-3:30 – Regional Update on Invasive Species Program Outside of Alaska: What are the Issues?
(open mic session)**

**3:30-4:00 – Protecting British Columbia's Resources from Invasive Species: Provincial Strategies,
Linda Wilson, British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Safety and Quality Branch, and
manager of Invasive Plant Management Program**

**4:00-5:00 – Revisiting Alaska Issues, Michele Hébert, UAF Cooperative Extension Service-Tanana
District**